

CLAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

4:56 p.m. - A deputy investigated a car/deer crash on Highway 50 just west of Vermillion.
10:32 p.m. - A deputy encountered a vehicle parked with its hood up along the highway northeast of Vermillion. The owner was contacted and reported the car had overheated and will be removed soon.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

3:03 a.m. - A deputy encountered a vehicle stuck in the ditch on Highway 46. The deputy assisted the owner with contacting a tow service to remove the vehicle. The driver was cited for no driver's license and was driven to a truck stop to wait for a ride and a valid driver for his vehicle.
8:41 a.m. - An inmate was transported from the Bon Homme County Jail to the Clay County Jail after being arrested there for a Clay County Warrant.

8:51 a.m. - The School Resource Officer found 3 juvenile girls in possession of cigarettes at the High School.
The girls were cited for possession of tobacco.
9:17 a.m. - A deputy investigated a car/deer crash that occurred the day before on Ponderosa Avenue.
1:39 p.m. - A deputy located two people at a Vermillion residence who were wanted for Clay County warrants. Both were arrested and booked into the jail.
2:02 p.m. - A DSS case worker from Yankton reported that a patient in the Human Services Center reported she was pushed by her daughter in law at a Meckling residence prior to being admitted to HSC the week before. The matter was investigated when the patient returned home. The case will be forwarded to the State's Attorney for the consideration of charges.
3:53 p.m. - An inmate was transported from the Jail to a medical appointment and then was returned to the jail.
TUESDAY, DEC. 15
5:11 a.m. - Deputies responded to a report of an overnight burglary at a Burbank business. Money and alcohol

were stolen. The crime is under investigation.
3:55 p.m. - The School Resource Officer assisted a Parole Officer with the investigation of an allegation that a student had posted a photo online of a gun. The student was not found to be in possession of a gun.
4:55 p.m. - After a subject was arrested for DUI in Vermillion and was cleared for release from jail, a deputy gave him a ride home due to his disability and the weather conditions.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16
1:46 a.m. - A deputy assisted a Vermillion police officer with a traffic stop where 3 men under 21 years old were found to have been drinking. Three citations were issued.
9:06 a.m. - While walking in the hallway of the Vermillion High School, the school resource officer detected the odor of marijuana coming from a group of lockers. A SDHP trooper with a drug recognition K9 was called to the high school. After the K9 also detected the odor, several lockers in the vicinity were searched. No illegal drugs were

located.
12:53 p.m. - An inmate was transported to the medical clinic for a scheduled appointment.
1:11 p.m. - While on patrol, a deputy located a two vehicle, non-injury crash in Vermillion. One of the drivers was cited for having expired license plates.
4:49 p.m. - A deputy transported a woman from the Clay County Jail to the Human Services Center in Yankton as a result of an involuntary mental health hold.
THURSDAY, DEC. 17
10:20 a.m. - The School Resource Officer investigated a non-injury accident in the High School parking lot.
5:48 p.m. - A deputy transported a man with a Clay County warrant from the Minnehaha County Jail to the Clay County Jail.
FRIDAY, DEC. 18
5:00 p.m. - A deputy stopped to check on a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder of the road near Vermillion. It was discovered that the driver had pulled over to check a text mes-

sage.
6:43 p.m. - A deputy responded to a report involving an injured deer near Burbank. It appeared that the deer had been struck by a vehicle, however no such incident had been reported. The deputy euthanized the deer and allowed the reporting party to take the animal for meat.
10:53 p.m. - Deputies, along with the fire department, responded to a report of a possible structure fire at a business near Meckling. After searching the area for several minutes, it was discovered that the smoke was coming from a burn pit on a neighboring property. Contact was made with the land owner who confirmed the fire was controlled. The man was reminded to call the Sheriff's Office regarding any controlled burns in the future to avoid this type of response.
SATURDAY, DEC. 19
5:54 p.m. - A rural Meckling resident reported she believes one of her cows was shot by a shotgun and injured. The matter is under investigation.

VERMILLION POLICE REPORT

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

2:38 a.m. - A vehicle was towed because it was illegally parked and the owner of the vehicle had multiple unpaid parking tickets.
2:49 a.m. - Officers responded to a report of a fight that involved 10 people. A male was arrested for DUI and a female was cited for Underage Consumption of Alcohol. The assault is under investigation.
11:21 a.m. - An officer responded to a report of a crash involving two vehicles. No one was injured in the crash.
6:27 p.m. - Officers responded to a bar to investigate a disturbance. The Officers discovered a male subject threatened patrons and had left prior to the Officers arriving at the bar. The case is under investigation.

MONDAY, DEC. 14

3:00 p.m. - An Officer responded to a neighborhood to investigate a complaint about

suspected door-to-door solicitors. The Officer discovered the people in question were with a local church and they were not violating any laws or ordinances.
TUESDAY, DEC. 15
2:12 p.m. - An Officer stopped a vehicle for driving erratically. The Officer conducted a DUI investigation and the driver was arrested for DUI. The driver was suspected to be under the influence of something other than alcohol.
4:23 p.m. - Officers responded to a disturbance call and discovered a visitor at the residence was refusing to voluntarily leave at the renters request. After a brief conversation with the Officers, the visitor decided to leave.
7:26 p.m. - A female caller reported she had been scammed out of more than \$1000. The caller, along with some friends, thought they were putting a

deposit down on a condo in Breckenridge, CO when in fact the money was deposited into an account in Georgia. The case is under investigation.
11:58 p.m. - Officers responded to a medical call that involved a child with an unknown medical condition. The Officers provided care for the child until EMS arrived on scene.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16
1:18 a.m. - Officers were requested to check the welfare of a female subject who was threatening to harm herself. Officers made contact with the female, gathered information, and placed the female into protective custody.
8:11 a.m. - A male caller reported his wife's vehicle was rummaged through during the overnight hours, but nothing was stolen.
4:45 p.m. - A male caller reported his wife slipped on the

ice and was lying in their driveway. Officers responded, assisted the uninjured female to her feet, and helped carry the remaining grocery bags into the caller's home.
7:35 p.m. - Officers responded to an apartment to assist a female who needed assistance getting off of the floor. The female was evaluated by EMS.
8:56 p.m. - An Officer responded to a hit and run traffic accident that involved a street light. The accident is under investigation.
THURSDAY, DEC. 17
12:42 p.m. - Officers responded to a residence to investigate suspicious activity. The Officers discovered an unknown male subject attempted to force his way into the caller's home. The unknown male left the area prior to officer's arrival.
11:00 a.m. - A male caller reported a former employee made unauthorized charges

at a local hardware store. An Officer responded and discovered a former employee of the caller's made unauthorized charges on the caller's hardware store account. The case is under investigation.
2:30 p.m. - An Officer was requested by a Parole Officer to locate and arrest a male on parole because the male had active arrest warrants out of Yankton County. The Officer located the male at home and placed him under arrest.
FRIDAY, DEC. 18
12:16 a.m. - Officers responded to a downtown bar for a reported fight in progress. The Officers discovered a male was asked to leave by a bar employee multiple times for being disorderly. The male subject was arrested for Trespassing.
1:05 a.m. - Officers responded to a commercial fire alarm activation. There was no fire and it was unknown what

triggered the alarm.
2:15 p.m. - An Officer responded to a private parking lot to investigate a crash involving two vehicles. The Officers assisted the drivers in exchanging pertinent information.
6:50 p.m. - An Officer responded to a crash involving one vehicle just east of Vermillion on Hwy 50. No injuries were reported and the accident was investigated by the Highway Patrol.
7:24 p.m. - An Officer responded to a dispute between a divorced couple who were arguing over a vehicle. The Officer assisted them in resolving the issue.
SATURDAY, DEC. 19
12:10 a.m. - Officers responded to a burglar alarm activation at a business. It was discovered faulty equipment was to blame for the activation.

CHAMBER CHAT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You can now go to: www.LiveVermillion.com and click on the tab "Things to Do" in the center of the page. It takes you directly to the community calendar of events listing all of the area's posted events. If your event is not listed, this page will allow you to submit an event to be included.
The VCDC office will be closed Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25 for the Christmas Holiday. On behalf of the VCDC staff, we wish you all a Merry Christmas!
The VCDC will host the UpNEXT Vermillion's Coffee Hour, Wed., Jan 6 from 8-9:00 am at the Vermillion Technology Center, 1012 Princeton. The coffee hour will provide the community an opportunity to connect & engage with others, while also being educated on a number of diverse topics. Guest speaker: Lena Tran (Toastmasters).

The sponsor of the month is The Spa at Wynie Mae's and Wildfire Ceramics. The coffee will be provided by The Front Porch. We hope to see you Wed. from 8-9 am at the VTC. Coffee for the event is FREE.
Business after Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5:00-7:00 pm on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments
Veterans' Holiday Relief Drive: hosted in partnership with SD American Legion Auxiliary & Autumn Simunek, Miss South Dakota to benefit homeless & at-risk Veterans & Military Families. Contribute "Buddy Basket(s)".
Home-warming welcome recipe:

assemble a laundry basket/waste basket filled with paper towels, laundry detergent, household cleaners, rubber gloves light bulbs, dust pan w/hand brush, flashlight/batteries, shower curtain w/rings, bath towel set, bathroom tissue, dishes, eating utensils, dish soap, dish towel set- frosted with clear wrap/bow & greeting tag
Substitute or single household & essential items welcome: bed sheets, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags, small appliances, alarm clock, hygiene products, warm apparel & socks, shopping gift cards
Monetary Donations: checks payable & mailed to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1, Attn: Vets Relief Drive, c/o Marie Anne Ben, 16 E. Bloomingdale St., Vermillion, SD 57069. For more information: autumn.simunek@misssd.org; 605-890-3093. Vermillion drop-off locations: Broadcaster/Plain

Talk, 201 W. Cherry St.; Main Street Center, 320 W. Main St.
EVENTS & HAPPENINGS SATURDAY, DEC. 26
Overeaters Anonymous: Sat., Dec. 26 @ 9:00 a.m. Location: Newman Center-USD Campus, 320 E. Cherry across from the MUC at the corner of Rose & Cherry St. (West Door-straight through double glass doors on left & first door on left; North Door-down hall to left & first door on left). Description: Overeaters Anonymous is a 12 step program for people with eating disorders & struggles
MONDAY, DEC. 28
Wrestling: Sioux Falls Lincoln, Mon., Dec. 28 @ 11:00 a.m. (T)
Welcome Table serves a free meal on Mondays at the First United Methodist Church, 16 N. Dakota St. Public is invited to enjoy fellowship &

food prepared & served by volunteer groups, Mon., Dec. 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Groups interested in volunteering to serve at the Welcome Table can contact John Lushbough at 605-670-0958 or email: jlushbough@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.welcometable.org
Al-anon meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mon., Dec. 28 @ 7:30 pm. For more information, call 624-9764
TUESDAY, DEC. 29
Wrestling: Sioux Falls Lincoln, Tues., Dec. 29 @ 11:00 a.m. (T)
Girls' Basketball/Boys' Basketball: Tea Area, Tues., Dec. 29 @ 2:00 p.m. (H)
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30
Gymnastics: Winter Wonderland, Wed., Dec. 30 @ 11:30 a.m. (H)

Peterson

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guys. It is a big transition for him; it's an honor for me. I appreciate his trust in me. But he isn't going away. It is a lot of culture driven and organization. I am a finance person by trade, but everything is driven by the customer. We exist because of the customer. That's why we have our new symbol. It's employees, that's why we exist, but we exist for the customer and everyone has to make money and safety is predominant."
Peterson said that the Vermillion community should know Masaba is proud to be in Vermillion. "They should know that Masaba wants to be the preferred partner to the customers we serve," he said. "We believe in safety and the reason we win is because of the people not the building. It is all about teamwork and the Masaba employees and we take good care of them and our customers. Everybody has to make some money but we make it work. They buy Masaba because they are buying more than our equipment they are buying our trust. We are going to build them good equipment - standard or customized - and we are going to stand behind them. We want to be their preferred provider."

He also said it is committed to the community. "It is good paying jobs in Vermillion," Peterson said. "It is payroll tax that will be reinvested in the community. We have a belief in our employees to assist in the community. We want to be active members and make it the right community for the next generation." Peterson said that he believes in giving back to the community, and it is something he and his wife stress in their daily lives. "Wherever we have lived, we have wanted to be involved in the community," he said. "We have one son who will be starting at USD this year, he went to another school and chose to come back here, not live at home. There are a lot of good things in the community and good values that we chose to invest in. I choose to get involved with the Athletic Boosters, the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company so maybe my skill set can augment some other skills sets. That's what I do, and with the school board, as well." Peterson said his family moved to Vermillion in 2010. "We moved from Vancouver, Washington - Portland, Oregon, with our one son who then went through the Vermillion High School, where he received a good education and graduated," he said. "My wife, Bergen, is an executive at another business currently in Sioux Falls."

Taste

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more time with the family," Suing said. "Those meals range anywhere from the \$50 range up to \$200 depending on what size family you want to feed. They have everything from the ham to turkeys and the prime rib and combinations of both to make it easy and convenient for the holidays." HyVee puts on tasting throughout the year to coincide with holidays

or any notable days, like the upcoming Super Bowl Sunday. "We usually do one around the Super Bowl time frame, and one in late April - that one is kind of our spring celebration week," Suing said. "We've also had them for the holidays throughout the year - 4th of July and so fourth through Thanksgiving, which we try to make more of an event trying to have four or five different departments sampling at the same time. You get your fill of samples while shopping at the store."

Station

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so there is going to be some corrosion. Right now we operate at a capacity of 216 gallons per minute max daily flow. That was calculated at the beginning of 2014, so a lot of the construction we have in that area have not been taken into consideration so the flow is actually a bit higher." However, it is not the current needs forcing the update; it is future growth on the east side of Vermillion. "We started looking at this because this is a part of town where the existing service area is handled easily, but we were looking at all the development going on in the area and we realized that we have a lot of space that has not been developed that will be serviced by that lift station," he said. "Half of that space that is available is R3 development and the other half is R2, so it is very dense development. Dense development is good to have because we can service a lot of people in a very small area, but at the same time you have to think about instead of having 15 houses, we are now fitting 15 houses in a fraction of that space. If an apartment complex goes up we now have the equivalent of 45 new houses in a very small space, all going to that lift station. It is a considerable amount. In about a year and a half we have had the equivalent of about 150 houses go up that are all being serviced by this lift station. It is a very big development and a lot of usage." The growth of the area forced the city to look at what the future needs of the station will be. "We figured out that we

have about 30 acres to develop that would be serviced by the lift station," Dominguez said. "If all of that area were developed it would be a flow of about 430 gallons per minute, which is considerably more than the 216 gallons per minute, currently. The wet well is too small to handle the projected flow. Another thing we need to consider is the pumps. Right now the pumps start about six times per hour, which is in the high range of what we want to do. To many pump starts are hard on the motor. Even if we get larger pumps to handle the projected increase in flows, we would still increase the pump starts to almost 10 per hour, which is not a good deal. We would be going through pumps quite a lot. Another thing we looked at is the size of the gravity main downstream. I only have a capacity of 325 gallons per minute on that. So, I need to increase that pipe, as well." Dominguez said that about a year ago the city contracted to have a report completed on this lift station so they would know the capacity of the stations and the conditions and they came up with two recommendations: • That the lift station needed to be replaced within five years; and • That the sewer between Prentiss and Pine needs to be replaced at the same time. "The costs are significant," he said. "We are talking about a little over \$550,000 for the lift station and a little more than \$640,000 for the sewer. It is a big cost." Compounding the issue is that the lift station is in a residential area - the wet well located below the street and the dry well and sewer lines running between houses. "It is very tight in the area where the wet well and the dry well are located," he said.

"If we ever have to do anything to the wet well we have to close the street. If we have to do anything to the dry well we have to worry about shoring, you have to worry about the driveways of the homes, you have to worry about landscaping, and the properties basements. If we have to do anything to the sewer lines we would have bigger issues." Looking forward Dominguez said the city has to begin acting now. "One of the things we are asking is your permission to go and talk to some of the property owners that are adjoining the lift station to see if they would possibly be interested in having us buying their property or a portion of their property," he said. "It is kind of a nightmare location or situation if we would have to go in and do a repair where we would possibly have to be digging into people's backyards or basements. One thing if we were able to purchase a property or a portion of the property we may be able to reduce the \$550,000 because we wouldn't have to worry about shoring at that point and because we wouldn't have to be worried about the repair costs associated. Safety would be increased and we would be able to keep the street open. We wouldn't have to worry about the aesthetics, as well." Dominguez said he has

started the process of investigating if the city can get a grant loan application. "Part of the process requires us to contract with an engineer and Banner has done all of our waste water and water improvements, so we started talking with them about all the applications," he said. "As far as a schedule, we are going to try to meet the Feb. 1 date for the state water plan. We have to turn in a preliminary engineers plan to DNER and they will review that. Then we have to supply them with a facilities plan in either April or July. That would be our sanitary sewer funding application. My understanding is that would be approved by the council before we send it off." After hearing his report the city council asked Dominguez to keep working on the plan and to contact homeowners in the area affected. At the City Council meeting held Monday night the board: • Approved the second reading of Ordinance 1334 - the 2015 supplemental appropriations ordinance; • Approved the Missouri River Energy Services S-1 agreement amendment #5; • Approved Dave Thiessen for another term on the public safety center board; and, • Approved the commercial collector's licenses for the city.

Holiday Deadlines

Plain Talk deadline for December 25 issue will be Monday, December 21 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Plain Talk deadline for the January 1 issue will be Monday, December 28 at 3 p.m. for all display, classified ads & news articles.

Our offices will close at noon on December 24 and be closed all day on December 25.

Our offices will close at 3 p.m. on December 31 and be closed all day on January 1.



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